Sayeed revealed by the High Court judge after his retirement are correct;

(c) under what circumstances and under whose order 5 militants, who were detenus held under TADA were released from detention and what are the details in this regard;

(d) whether it is also a fact that three persons involved in the release of Ms. Rubaiya Sayeed have since been killed by the militants; if so, what are their names and in what circumstances they were killed; and

(e) whether Government have made any enquiry into the whole affair and if so, with what results and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (e) The Government is aware of the press report in question. However, it has no information about the involvement of Justice Bhatt and the others, mentioned in the report, in the negotiations referred to therein. No specific enquiry into the matter has been made and, as such, the question of providing details does not arise. It is a fact that, of the three individuals mentioned in the press report viz. Shri Mir Mustafa and Dr. Abdul Ahad Guru were killed by the militants after being abducted on 23 March, 1990 and 31 March, 1993 respectively.

Raids Conducted by CBI at the Premises of top Executives of East West Airlines

2864. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of investigation has recently conducted raids at the premises of East West Airlines and also interrogated top executives;

(b) if so, the purpose of conducting raids at their premises;

(c) whether any incriminating documents etc., have been seized; and

(d) if so, what further steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) CBI had conducted searches in the office premises of East West Travel and Trade Links Ltd. (of which East West Airlines is a Division) at Delhi and Bombay on 29.10.1993. The searches were conducted in connection with the investigation of cases against some close associates of the Dubai based don, Dawood Ibrahim, which was taken over by CBI from Delhi Police in July, 1993.

(c) and (d) Certain documents have been seized for further scrutiny. Action will be taken as provided under the law.

Privileges of the Presidents and Vice Presidents

2865. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pension is being paid to the former Presidents of India under the President's and Vice-President's Emoluments Act;

(b) whether the provisions cover the Vice-Presidents who officiated as the President for some time; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to amend the Act to cover the acting Presidents also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) There is no statute called the President's and Vice-President's Emoluments Act. Former Presidents are being paid pension, etc., under the President's Emoluments and Pension Act, 1951.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.